(b) whether the Government propose to have control over these grains now; and

(c) if not, why not?

A.—The question is not understood.

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" Sir, it is mentioned that my question has not been understood. What I wanted to raise in my question was that there must be some control over the price of rice, ragi, etc., so that poor people may get the right quantity."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member might have said in his question ' control over the price '."

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" I am explaining my question."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" Then the hon. Member will kindly send another question corrected."

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" I wanted to know whether Government would be pleased to have control over the price of rice, ragi, etc."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" Order, order. That is a suggestion for action."

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" May I know whether Governments of other provinces have control over food stuffs?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" Order, order. That question does not belong to the Madras Government."

Irrigation (Minor Works).

Water-supply to arecanut gardens in Kasaragod taluk.

*2407 Q.—Mr. D. MANJAYYA HEGGADE: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that a great number of arecanut gardens in Kasaragod taluk and elsewhere in South Kanara district are very much affected by scarcity and failure of water-supply during the last dry season; and

(b) if not, whether the Government have held or propose to hold a detailed enquiry in order to ascertain all cases of damage caused?

A.—(a) The Government are not aware that the case is as stated.
(b) The answer is in the negative.

Mr. D. MANJAYYA HEGGADE :—" With reference to clause (b) of the question, I want to know whether Government propose to hold an enquiry."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The answer given is ' The answer is in the negative '."

Mr. D. MANJAYYA HEGGADE :—" I want to know whether the Government will institute an enquiry for ascertaining all cases of damage caused."

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" I do not think that any advantage will be derived from holding such an enquiry."